



Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursdays at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, Ramstein Air Base delivers food to refugees in Afghanistan; security measures remain high throughout Europe; PA works overtime to keep community informed; and more.

News briefs

No paper

Due to a German-observed holiday Nov. 1, the Eifel Times will not be printed Nov. 2.

New wing policy

With increased force protection measures that have been in place since Sept. 11, the 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander recently addressed the issue of on- and off-base event participation.

All wing organizations are required to adhere to the following guidelines regarding off-base events, field trips or extra-curricular activities:

- The 52nd Support Group commander through the 52nd Security Forces Squadron must approve events off base involving 21 or more people.

- Bus drivers and adult chaperones for those groups must have a functional means of communication, such as a cell phone or radio.

The guidelines apply to all Defense Department organizations, including Air Force-sponsored private and unofficial groups, on Spangdahlem Air Base, Col. John Watkins announced in an Oct. 12 policy letter.

"We recommend off-base clubs and organizations, too, coordinate activities involving large numbers of U.S. citizens with the 52nd SFS to ensure force protection considerations are included in their planning," he said.

E-mail trip reviews to Master Sgt. Brad Bliss at 52FW.AT@spangdahlem.af.mil or send by fax to 452-7492.

Pass and registration

The 52nd Fighter Squadron Pass and Registration Office is now open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Walk-in customers are helped on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments previously scheduled will be honored. For more information, call the pass and registration office at 452-6187.

Office closure

The 52nd Logistics Group database management and analysis office closes for

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Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios

Precision guided

Airman 1st Class Mark Weinketz, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, uses the digital saw table to cut pieces of wood for a structure job. The CE structures section recently relocated to building 120 on Spangdahlem Air Base.

Military community plays part in mission success, troop safety

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The entire local military community plays an integral role in 52nd Fighter Wing mission success through maintaining operations security, said Maj. John McDevitt 52nd Fighter Wing plans chief.

Community members practice OPSEC when they prevent critical information from getting out. Without everyone's help, the wing's mission to achieve U.S. and NATO objectives is compromised, McDevitt said.

Alone, perhaps a bit of critical information such as when a spouse deployed may not seem like much, but pieced together with other bits of information the fact may give an adversary a military, political, diplomatic or technological advantage.

"Basically, before people speak about military operations, we

need them to ask themselves, 'should I talking about this?'" said Capt. Neil Neaderhiser, 52nd Fighter Wing OPSEC program manager. "Military leaders understand it can be painful keeping certain aspects of your life secret, but it's extremely important in keeping our military members safe."

The threat against U.S. Air Forces in Europe operations is a real concern, Neaderhiser said. A recent exercise revealed military community members exposed enough critical information to possibly jeopardize the exercise mission.

One aspect of OPSEC is controlling information dissemination. If a person doesn't have a need to know, don't talk about it, he said.

"Just because someone is in the military, doesn't mean they

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Red ribbons symbolize base commitment against drugs

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Red Ribbon Week kicks off Monday as local school students partner with American students worldwide in drug-abuse awareness and prevention education activities.

Base drug demand reduction program counselors will also offer drug-abuse prevention information and red ribbons at booths near the commissaries and base

exchanges. Accepting the ribbon may not seem like much, but it means the world to a youth, according to Frank Mayer, 52nd Medical Group drug demand reduction program manager.

"When they see someone wearing a red ribbon, they see that person as someone who supports drug-abuse prevention and has made a commitment of making their lives drug free," he said.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 with the death of U.S. Drug Enforcement Officer Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. The officer died from torture in the hands of suspected drug-cartel members. In Camarena's memory, friends and family members began wearing red ribbons. Eventually, the bits of satin developed into an accepted national symbol of the war against illegal drug use and drug abuse.

Stories of drug-ring busts and people arrested for suspected drug use in local and national newspapers offer a stark reminder illegal drug use is a continuing challenge for people of all ethnic and economic backgrounds - including the military. That's why Red Ribbon Week focuses on community involvement, Mayer explained.

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It's an awareness program focused on reminding adults of the dangers of illegal drug use and educating youth through awareness and prevention activities.

"Participating in the week's events shows our children we take a stand against illegal drug use," Mayer said.

Basewide Red Ribbon Week activities mostly target educating elementary and middle school students by conducting door decoration and poster contests, and rallies. Teachers continue student drug-abuse prevention education through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, health fairs and briefings throughout the school year.

In the spring, high school teachers talk about the dangers of underage and irresponsible drinking to students. However, Red Ribbon Week activities focus mainly

on Class One illegal drug-use prevention. Some of the more common Class One drugs include heroin, cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, ecstasy and rufinol.

"Rufinol, commonly known as the 'date rape drug,' and ecstasy are popular today and are extremely dangerous," Mayer said.

Evidence shows these drugs are especially dangerous to female students and airmen. Rufinol can be slipped into drinks often without detection and ecstasy often appeals because it just looks like an aspirin tablet, he said. Ingested in combination with alcohol, victims may blackout, sometimes for hours, leaving them vulnerable for abuse.

Availability is one of the top factors in illegal drug use, according to Mayer, and Spangdahlem Air Base's nearby proximity to areas where drugs are easily attainable, such as Amsterdam, the Netherlands, contributes to local illegal drug use challenges.

Red Ribbon week events

■ Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, authorizes wing members to wear ribbons on their uniform Monday through Oct. 26.

■ A five-kilometer fun run takes place at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Meet at the fitness center.

■ A 20-kilometer bike ride around the base takes place at 9 a.m. Oct. 26. Meet at the golf course.

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training each 1-3 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Wyatt Wheelis at 452-6999.

New postal policy

The United States Postal Service has a new policy in which writing and logos on boxes used for mailing packages must be darkened or covered completely. The Eifel Post Office asks everyone to comply with the new rule prior to standing in line to mail packages. For more information, call Staff Sgt. C.G. Reynaud at 452-7182 or 452-7195.

Snow parade

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron hosts its 3rd annual Snow and Ice Parade Friday at 5 p.m. Activities begin at 4 p.m. with a display of snow removal equipment in the parking lot adjacent to the Spangdahlem Air Base Bowling Center. Snow removal equipment operators will be on hand to answer questions. The parade begins at 5 p.m. and goes through the loop of Spangdahlem Air Base housing, with the "Snow Marshall" giving out treats to children.

Reserved parking spots

Parking spots marked with either permanent, moveable or partially-covered reserved signs are there for wing leadership. Those parking there who are not authorized will be ticketed.

Pumpkin Patrol

Security forces is seeking volunteers to participate in this year's Halloween Pumpkin Patrol Oct. 31. For more information call Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton at 452-6544

Conversion to GI Bill Program

People currently enrolled in the Veterans Education Assistance Program only have until Oct. 31 to elect to enroll or decline enrollment in the Military GI Bill. VEAP eligibles are those who entered the service for the first time between Jan. 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985, and opened a contribution

account before April 1, 1987. For more information, call the Spangdahlem Air Base Education Center at 452-6335.

Travel luggage restrictions

The Federal Aviation Administration now limits the amount of carry-on luggage passengers may take on board aircraft. People are limited to one carry-on bag and one personal article, such as a purse or briefcase.

Additionally, passengers must be prepared to present a local, state or federal government-issued identification card at the boarding gate, along with the boarding pass. In the past, passengers were required to show an ID at the ticket counter, but not at the gate. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. David Wynes, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional), at 452-6661

United America Fund

The locally-created United America Fund, established as a means for the Eifel community to contribute money to victims of the terrorist tragedy in the United States, has raised more than \$11,000 so far. According to Master Sgt. John Johnston, family support center, the account, set up at both Community Bank locations, probably won't close until early December.

Active-duty death

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho -- Master Sgt. Evander Earl Andrews, on duty in a deployed location, was killed in a heavy equipment accident Oct. 10. He was the first American to die in Operation Enduring Freedom. He was assigned to the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron. Andrews was originally from Solon, Maine.

Buses, carpooling

Base officials remind people of the mandatory shuttle service for all those living on-base (Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex), as well as all those living in government-leased housing areas. Everyone else who do not have access to shuttles are highly encouraged to carpool with co-workers or neighbors.

Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Fourteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, three of which were major.

The first happened at the intersection of L-43 and L-141, outside of Wittlich. The Wittlich Polizei determined an airman failed to stop at an intersection and hit a German vehicle. A passenger in the German vehicle was transported by Wittlich ambulance services for minor injuries. The airman's vehicle was totaled, but he wasn't injured.

The next took place at the intersection of Wankel and Sudring Strasses in Bitburg. Bitburg Polizei determined a security forces patrolman was attempting to make a left turn onto Wankel Strasse, when a German on a bike ran into him. The bicyclist didn't have lights and wasn't seen until the moment of impact.

The German was transported to Bitburg Krankenhaus and treated for minor injuries. The vehicle damage included a broken windshield, broken headlight and a dent to the hood. The bicycle sustained bent handlebars and front wheel.

The third occurred on K-91, between Pickliessum and Spangdahlem. Bitburg

Polizei found an animal ran out in front of an airman's vehicle and he locked up his brakes. He lost control of his vehicle, hit a wall, bounced off the wall and came to rest on the opposite side of the street. The front of his vehicle was totaled, but he wasn't injured.

The 11 minor accidents involved:

■ One was driving too fast for road conditions.

■ One accident was from fleeing the scene.

■ Nine were from inattentive driving.

In addition, 28 citations were issued.

Security forces reminds people, in accordance with U.S. Army Europe 190-1, if a privately owned vehicle or one or both license plates are lost, stolen or recovered, it must be immediately reported to the nearest military police or security forces station. POVs in nonoperational status must also be reported by chassis number.

When MP or SFS stations are not near the scene of the incident, the owner must notify local civilian authorities. The owner must report the incident to the nearest MP or SFS station within 24 hours of returning to the duty station.

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need to know a squadron's deployment status," said Neaderhiser. "The same goes with family members ... just tell mom you can't talk about it. The less the information gets out, the more control we have over it."

OPSEC includes all venues of communication whether it's done face-to-face, on a telephone, cellular phone, e-mail or in print. Complacency is the simplest and most common way critical information falls into the wrong hands, Neaderhiser said.

"The key is not letting our guard down," he said. "A good rule of thumb is to not speak about a military issue until you read about it in a military base newspaper or hear about it in a military news broadcast. But even then, people should keep it to only what was revealed in the news. Certain aspects of the mission may still be considered sensitive."

In addition to deployment information, especially during times of heightened force-protection conditions, military community members should also keep personal schedules on a need-to-know basis. Such information can reveal possible terrorism opportunities and unit manpower levels.

Members who are still not sure if information is sensitive should ask a supervisor or commander if it's clear to talk about, Neaderhiser suggests. When in doubt if information is critical, follow these basic guidelines:

■ Keep information on a need-to-know basis.

■ Treat sensitive information as if it's classified. Communicate sensitive and classified information using only classified telephone and e-mail systems.

■ Keep documents containing the sensitive information out of sight.

■ Shred documents containing sensitive information after use.

Military family members and civilian employees fill an important role in the 52nd Fighter Wing by keeping operations information under wraps. Keeping such information to a need-to-know basis prevents vital parts of the mission puzzle from falling into the wrong hands.

Ceremony remembers Pentagon terrorist victims

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Even as tacticians and warplanners toiled inside its storied walls, the Pentagon stood still Oct. 11, a day in which men and women of each of the uniformed services converged to pay respects to their 125 fallen comrades and the 64 people on board Flight 77.

It was a day marked by tears of anguish, mixed with steely words of duty and resolve, a day in which a president drew a standing ovation for his words of praise for the "brave men and women in the U.S. military."

"United in Memory," a memorial ceremony for those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, featured a keynote address by President George W. Bush. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld was the event's host.

Among those in attendance were former President Bill Clinton and a virtual "who's who" of U.S. government leaders, including Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Moments after a stirring rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," during which thousands of mourners stood and waved flags as they sang, the president took the podium and spoke of confidence and commitment.

"A commander-in-chief must know — must know — he can count on the skill and the readiness of service men and women at every point in the chain of command," he said. "You have given me that confidence, and I give you these commitments.

"Brick by brick, we will quickly rebuild the Pentagon. You will have everything you need in the war against terror — every resource, every weapon, every means to ensure full victory for the United States and the cause of freedom."

Those words followed similar words of praise for the armed forces from both Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard B. Meyers, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman.

Rumsfeld, speaking of the 125 men and women killed inside the Pentagon during the attack, said, "We remember them as heroes, and we are right to do so.

"They died because, in words of justification offered by the attackers, they were Americans," he said. "They died then, because of how they lived — proud of freedom, proud of their country, and proud of their country's cause — the cause of human freedom.

"But they also died for another reason, because they worked here in this building — the Pentagon. It is seen as a place of power, seen as the greatest collection of military might in history.

"And yet, a might used differently than history has ever known."

Meyers echoed the secretary's comments. "They were serving their country" in the course of doing their jobs at the Pentagon," the general said, "and on Sept. 11 were called to make the ultimate sacrifice. For that, we call them heroes."

Those words served as motivation for several in the crowd, including Maj. Martha Shaffer, director of automation for the Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency.

"The words were just appropriate," she said. "They were the right words we needed to be hear and the right words to support those who died."

The major added the entire program seemed to inspire and motivate those in attendance.

"It was the appropriate type of program to bring closure to the disaster, and at the same time bring hope and encouragement to those of us who are still serving our country and working in the Pentagon," she said. "Those types of words motivate us to work harder at our jobs and support the mission."

Tech. Sgt. Randy Federspill, noncommissioned officer in charge of infrastructure for AFPCA, was especially



More than 20,000 people attended a ceremony, held on the Pentagon Parade Ground Oct. 11, to remember those killed in the attack at the Pentagon. President George W. Bush spoke at the ceremony.

Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi



Soldiers gather the giant garrison flag being lowered from the side of the Pentagon, where it hung beside the impact site of the terrorist air crash Sept. 11. The soldiers retired the flag ceremonially Oct. 11. It will never be flown again.

Jim Garamone

moved by the president's remarks.

"They were very motivating and supportive," he said. "It was the way he expressed his concern and support of the military and the loss of the fallen. I will

always remember this day because of the president's words. As a matter of fact, I had planned to retire in about nine months, and now I am not so sure that is the right thing to do. It was an outstanding ceremony."



Senior Airman Harry S. Tetzlaff, 52nd Communications Squadron, puts on his reflective belt before riding his bike at night.

Airman 1st Class Michelle S. Roquid

Bicycling at night seen as high-risk activity

By Master Sgt. Scott Livingston
52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office

Recently, more people are bicycling on Spangdahlem Air Base as an alternate mode of transportation.

Although wing leadership doesn't want to discourage bike use, they do see the need for people to be aware of the increased hazards when riding during darkness.

Wing safety managers have witnessed people riding their bikes without reflective gear or lights. Riding bicycles off base after dark is a high-risk activity and falls under the wing's High-Risk Activity Safety Program. Under Spangdahlem Air Base Instruction 91-301, before participating in high-risk activities people must be interviewed by their unit commander. Members start the process by submitting a High-Risk Activities Participation Memorandum, which must be signed by the unit commander and supervisor.

Bicyclists should also follow these rules:

■ Obey all traffic rules and regulations.

■ Ride on the right side of the roadway in single file.

■ Each bicycle should only have one person on it at a time, unless it is equipped with tandem seats.

■ Bicycles should have headlights and taillights, which should be used during the reduced visibility and when it's dark. They should also have a bell.

■ Bicyclists should wear reflective equipment when riding during reduced visibility and when it's dark.

■ All bicyclists on Spangdahlem AB, the Bitburg Annex or military housing areas, including government-leased housing, must wear an approved bicycle helmet.

■ Bicyclist will refrain from riding in areas normally intended for pedestrian traffic such as sidewalks, crosswalks or stairs. However, small children learning to ride bicycles may use sidewalks.



Children chase a fire truck in the fire prevention parade Saturday on the Bitburg Annex.
Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Firefighters spark kids safety interests

Compiled from staff reports

Base and local German firefighters teamed up Saturday at Spangdahlem and Bitburg elementary schools to teach parents and children how to strike out fires.

Additionally, firefighters showcased their department's latest fire rescue equipment so children can expect what to do if they should ever be in a house fire.

Annually, the fire prevention flight seeks fun, interactive ways of motivating families to become actively involved in home fire safety, said Inge Lersch, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Flight assistant fire chief.

"It's the simple changes, such as never leaving cooking unattended, which can greatly reduce the risk to some of the leadings causes of fire," she said.

Fires started by unattended cooking damaged or

destroyed 26 Eifel homes so far this year. Cooking, heating and electrical fires are the nation's leading cause of house fires and the cause for almost one-third of associated fire deaths, said Master Sgt. Steven Kelly, fire prevention flight assistant chief.

"People think they're safer from fires than they really are, particularly at home," said Chief Master Sgt. George Chambers, fire prevention flight chief. "As a result, they often lack basic information on how to prevent them. By learning where home fire dangers exist and taking some simple precautions, Eifel-community residents can greatly reduce their risk."

Throughout the event, firefighters gave away about 2,000 oven mitts and school packs with fire prevention logos and information. They also fed participants more than 1,000 donated hot dogs and soft drinks.

For more information on fire safety, families can check out the Fire Prevention Week Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.



Staff Sgt. Randy Sasher, left, and Senior Airman Thomas Wiley, 52nd Civil Engineer Fire Prevention Flight, remove a car door as part of an auto-accident victim rescue demonstration at the events on Bitburg Annex.



At left, 4-year-old Deshawne Peak learns how to use a fire extinguisher. He managed to put out the fire in under a minute. Center, children greet "Freddie the Fire Truck," a robotic fire truck. Staff Sgt. Christian Lyle, 52nd CES, controls "Red" from a distance. Above, Staff Sgt. Jim Swihart, 52nd Dental Squadron, and his 5-year-old daughter, Bridget, emerge from the 52nd CES Fire Prevention Flight "smoke house." The activity teaches children the importance of staying low while in a house fire filled with smoke.



Community Mailbox

Chapel services

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel offers the following services each week:

- Catholic Mass, 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Confessions, 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment.
- Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday.
- Protestant Sunday worship, 11:15 a.m.
- Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Jewish service, every second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m.

The Bitburg Annex Chapel offers the following services each week:

- Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Catholic religious education, 9:45 a.m. Sunday.
- Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday.
- Protestant Sunday worship, 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel.
- Protestant Sunday school, 11:30 a.m.

Chapel meeting

Catholic Women of the Chapel meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel. Call 452-6711 for details.

Just Airmen

The 52nd Fighter Wing offers the following activities for E-4 and below:

- Megaben productions, "Comedy After Dark," 8 p.m. Saturday, Saber Club. Tickets cost \$13 at the door for members, \$16 for non-members.
- Airman appreciation meal, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Mosel Dining Halle.
- Open mic-night, 7 p.m. Thursday, base community activities center. Call 452-7260 for details.
- Salsa all-nighter, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Oct. 27, Saber Club.



Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios

Hispanic Heritage

Seventh-graders, Jennifer Ponce and Bryan Gastelum, dance to a traditional Mexican song during a celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month at Spangdahlem Elementary School. National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, honors the culture and many contributions of armed forces members and civilians with a Spanish-speaking heritage.

■ Halloween toga party, 9 p.m. Oct. 31, base CAC.

■ Saber Club Halloween party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 31.

Support group

A diabetes support group meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg Annex hospital. Call Capt. Raul Flores at 452-8142 for details.

Spouses meeting

An 81st Fighter Squadron spouses meeting and potluck dinner takes place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel.

Call Beth Clements at 06565-944434 or Jerri Hoag at 06562-966830 for details.

AFSA elections

The Air Force Sergeants' Association accepts nominees for elections taking place Nov. 28. The organization seeks volunteer nominees for president, trustee, secretary and treasurer, as well as new members.

Call Staff Sgt. Nancy Barron-Palumbo at

452-6390 or e-mail her for details.

Retreat

The Metterich Trinity Baptist Church women's retreat takes place at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26 and 9:15 a.m. Oct. 27. Lunch and some childcare included. Call 06565-2336 for details.

Spaghetti dinner

Boy Scout Troop 460 holds a spaghetti dinner and desert auction at 6 p.m. Oct. 27. Call Jared Moran at 06565-958944 for details and directions.

Family support center news

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

■ European job seekers, noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 29.

■ Basic investing, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 29.

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■ Resume writing, 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.

■ Interview skills, 1-3 p.m. Oct. 30.

■ Career profiling, 3-5:30 p.m. Oct. 30.

Cub Scouts

A Cub Scout Pack 161 meeting takes place at 4 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Bitburg Elementary School cafeteria. Call Gary Hackl at 06553-1745 or Cherie Cutler at 06561-945553 for details.

Poster contest

The 52nd Fighter Wing energy conservation poster contest submission deadline is Monday.

Elementary and middle school students should submit entries on standard 8.5-inch by 11-inch paper with their name, grade and school name on the back. A representative will pick up entries from the schools.

Home-schooled students can drop off entries at the building 115, service desk.

Wing leadership will recognize contest winners at an awards ceremony, taking place at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 29 in the Spang Club.

Craft room

The Bitburg Annex Chapel opens noon to 3 p.m. each Tuesday for socialization and crafts. Call 06565-958753 for details.

Skill development center news

Instruction is free for all classes; some supplies not included. Register for classes at the Crafts Corner shop on Spangdahlem Air Base, unless otherwise indicated.

The following classes take place in building 189 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6841 for details or to register.

■ One-session tile painting class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday or Nov. 7.

■ Two-day auto mechanics class, 5-7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 14. Register at the Spangdahlem AB auto skills center in building 189.

The following classes take place in building 2002 on the Bitburg Annex. Call Crafts Corner at 452-4141 for details or to register.

■ Four-week quilting class, 6-8 p.m. Monday through Nov. 12.

■ Six-week quilting class, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 1-Dec. 13.

■ Four-week quilting class, 6-8 pm. Nov. 19-Dec. 10.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:
www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm

Bitburg Castle

Today

Rock Star (R)

Based on a true story, an office supplies salesman moonlights as a musician in a tribute band. His life is changed forever when he is chosen to replace the lead singer of his all-time favorite band, Steel Dragon.

Saturday

Rock Star

Sunday

America's Sweethearts (PG-13)

Kiki is the devoted personal assistant and sister of megastar Gwen Harrison. Life with her famous sister has never been easy for Kiki, but it's about to get even harder. Kiki finds she's faced with a more important concern as her life takes a romantic turn.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Jurassic Park III (PG-13)

The Lost World's Site B has been quarantined for five years. But when a boy gets stranded there, a rescue mission is formed, comprising the boy's divorced parents, a few mercenaries and Dr. Grant. But, there've been some unpleasant developments since Dr. Grant was last there.

Thursday

America's Sweethearts

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Glass House (PG-13)

When Ruby and Rhett's parents are killed in a car crash, Erin and Terry Glass become their guardians. They are promised a world of opulence and California fun. However, before long Ruby suspects Erin and Terry may not be ideal guardians.

Original Sin (9:30 p.m., R)

When Luis takes Julia as his American bride, he thinks his life in Cuba is complete. But people aren't always who they seem, and Luis' life begins to unravel. When Julia disappears with his money, Luis is forced to look into Julia's past.

Saturday

Osmosis Jones (PG)

Deep in the city of Frank (actually the body of construction worker Frank Detomello), Osmosis Jones is a white blood cell cop who has to team up with a rookie cold tablet to fight off evil viruses intent on taking over. Meanwhile out in the "real world," a doctor is trying to diagnose what's going on inside Frank's body.

Glass House (9:30 p.m., PG-13)

Sunday

Osmosis Jones

Monday

The Score (R)

An aging thief has retired to live off his riches, running a Montreal jazz lounge until he's blackmailed into doing one more heist by a young upstart. The unlikely alliance requires that Nick violate his most important rule: Always work alone.

Tuesday

Original Sin

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.



Senior Airman Karen Z. Silcott

Bulldog Harvest Fair

Joshua Collette launches a bean bag at a soda can pyramid during the Spangdahlem Middle School Bulldog Harvest Fair Oct. 12. All the activities at the Bulldog Harvest Fair raised money for the school field trips and other events.



In the classroom



Essay, poster contest winners

Winners of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron sponsored fire prevention week essay contest are:

■ Kayla Anderson, Spangdahlem Middle School

■ Marie Richters, Alexandra Moffitt and Kay Lichtenberger, Bitburg Middle School

Poster contest winners:

■ Austin Ward, Troy McEuen, Sydney Turner and Blake McCoy, Spangdahlem Middle School

■ Amy Rose Davis and Alyssa Mam, Bitburg Elementary School

■ Stephanie and Matthew Powers, Vance Doerr and Beth Kettler, Eifel Home Schoolers.

Open house

Spangdahlem Elementary School open house and "sight night" takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. The event offers parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and donate used glasses, which will be donated to people in developing countries. Call Lisa Duke at 452-6881 for details.

PTA meeting

The Bitburg Elementary School Parent, Teacher Association meets at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 in BES Room 31.

Call the school office at 452-7215 for details.

High school mentoring

Bitburg High School seeks volunteers for its student-mentoring program. The program helps students needing extra help with

academic skills. Mentoring takes place weekly between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday or Wednesday. The base family support center can cover up to \$3 an hour for childcare for volunteers.

Call Elke Zschaebitz at 452-9202 or 06565-619202 for details.

Scholarship opportunities

■ The Citizen of the Year Program, sponsored by Army, Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales and General Motors, offers scholarships worth \$1,000-\$3,000. The program focuses on social responsibility. To qualify, students submit projects telling how volunteerism impacts their life and how they feel they've made a difference in others' lives through their volunteer efforts. Application deadline is Nov. 12.

For more information, visit the Bitburg High School guidance counselor.

■ The Veterans of Foreign Wars offers scholarships worth \$10,000-\$25,000 for seventh-12th grade students. To qualify, seventh and eighth grade students submit an essay on the topic, "Is Freedom Really Free?" The high school student topic is, "Reaching Out To America's Future."

For more information, visit school guidance counselors or Senior Master Sgt. Frazier Speaks at 452-6960.

Used eyeglasses drive

Bitburg High School Air Force Junior ROTC collects used eyeglasses now through Dec. 1 for donation to people in developing countries. Donors can drop off glasses at the high school or give them to a cadet.

Call the JROTC office at 452-9202 or 06565-619202.

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Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

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Airman's perspective

OSS airman shares thoughts on core values

(Editor's Note: In an effort to get "back to basics," operations support squadron flight commanders asked their airmen to reflect and write an essay on the Air Force Core Values. The following was the "hands-down winner," according to Capt. Rob Ricker, airfield operations flight commander.)

By Airman 1st Class Joseph D. Sollers
52nd Operations Support Squadron

Having lived a mostly "free-ranged" civilian life with little to no rules, guidance or supervision before enlisting into the U.S. Air Force less than a year ago, the USAF Core Values provide a definite contrast in the values (or lack thereof) I had held in my capricious youth.

This contrast, which is

comparable to the difference between blindness and sight, has made our core values and the demonstrations of their effects glow in my eyes.

I knew of integrity, but didn't see or understand the need to have it. Once I put on the uniform, I began to learn how important integrity is to a service member. Without integrity, how can one be counted on to stand up in the face of adversity and defend his country, let alone be honest when having to admit to making a mistake?

Integrity, to me, is to have enough strength of character and courage to hold together under pressure and be responsible for your actions and beliefs. I've learned the value of integrity, for without integrity all other values,

beliefs and actions have no reinforcement.

I see "service before self" demonstrated nearly everyday by service members as well as their families, which never fails to impress upon me the importance of this virtue. This value is even apparent in civilian life, demonstrated most recently by the courageous and selfless acts performed by firefighters and police officers of New York City when they risked their own lives in the effort to save others.

The things we can accomplish when we put a common goal ahead of our own singular, personal goals truly astound me. From charging up buildings engulfed in flames to sending men to the moon and back, there is absolutely nothing America can't do when we put "service

before self."

Finally, there's "excellence in all we do." Why perform a mediocre service when providing excellence takes little extra effort and reaps so much more in turn?

Furthermore, how can we settle on average work when 100 percent of what we do is to protect our families, friends and future generations of America? We all can concede there's nothing "perfect," but striving for perfection makes us, and everything we do, better.

The Air Force Core Values mean a lot to me. I do my best to keep them in mind and apply them as often as I can, because I believe in them and know they make me not only a stronger, more effective airman, but also a better human being.

Direct Line

Price gouging

Question: I went to Burger King for a sausage biscuit and a Coke. The total was \$3.40 for two biscuits and drink. I know the water has been contaminated (on Spangdahlem Air Base, but is now safe to use without boiling), so the man at the register hands me a 12-ounce can of Coke. I look at my receipt and notice I was charged 99 cents for that coke. I was none too pleased.

I went on to work and began to ponder the price I just paid. The night before I bought a 12-pack of Coke for \$3.90. If you divide that by 12 you get 32.5 cents per can. So AAFES essentially is making a 200 percent profit per can.

I'm all for a business making money and the water contamination was an inconvenience for all, but there is no excuse for that kind of mark up. I know AAFES would have a fit if I wanted to open a McDonalds on base, but since they have a contract they get away with price gouging because they have a monopoly.

I don't know if one complaint from me will fix anything, but I do know taking advantage of overworked, underpaid airmen and soldiers is like praying on the elderly or sick for their life savings.

Answer: When the crew at Burger King was advised the base water supply was non-potable, they wanted to ensure customers could still get beverages with their meals and took immediate action by procuring canned drinks. The price for the canned beverages sold separately should have been 65 cents, the same as the normal retail or vending machine price. The price you were charged is

the normal Burger King small fountain drink price.

AAFES and Burger King acknowledge this mistake and said they owe you and other customers a refund and an apology. This error was inadvertent — they are in the customer-pleasing business and 34 cents is certainly not worth losing a single customer over. Please come in and let them make it right.

Information access

Question: As the terrorist events of Sept. 11 unfolded, my family would not have known about them if it weren't for a friend calling to fill us in. In our village, we can't receive American Forces Network radio or television, even when using antennas. The only access to news we have is the Internet.

Fortunately, it provided us with information on what was happening back home. However, we tried logging onto the 52nd Fighter Wing home page to find out what news there was in regard to conditions in the local area, but were disappointed to find none. Why doesn't the Web site have urgent postings? Are the AFN channels the only quick information source for members of the Spangdahlem Air Base community?

If that's the case, I think this should be changed because those of us who don't have access to AFN are left completely uninformed and disconnected.

Answer: Our Air Force Instruction is very clear on what we can and can't put out on our public Web site. It states public Web sites are limited to information "approved

for 'unlimited' worldwide access and distribution on the Internet." In this case, the type of information you asked for can't be put on the public Web site.

AFN local broadcasts are limited in both range and access and even the stronger 1143 AM broadcast range doesn't reach some members of the Eifel. Local AFN television broadcasts are limited to "over the airways only," so if you decide to purchase an AFN decoder, the satellite broadcasts will not include current local conditions.

As a result, avenues for obtaining local condition information become somewhat of a challenge. Still, the base operates a "rumor control" line at DSN 452-6833 or commercial 0656561-6833, which becomes the "Straight Talk Center" during times of crisis. Members of the Eifel can call this number for current situation information. Because this is an unsecured line, the information may be generalized and not specific. Two other sources of information for family members are the family support center at 452-6422 and unit first sergeants.

Your friend — along with a large part of Team Eifel — did the right thing; they ensured everyone they knew was aware of the situation and corresponding local conditions. Many units also use their key spouses and spouse groups to disseminate this and similar information.

Ultimately, though, it's up to military members to ensure their family is informed of local conditions. If a member is TDY, this responsibility falls on the individual's supervisor or work center. You shouldn't have to look far for a Team Eifel member who's ready to assist.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Cook

Steve Koechle, Bitburg Barons, tries to stay inbounds against the Patch Panthers during a 46-6 Baron victory Saturday at Bitburg High School.

Barons return to winning form

By Rik Carr
Bitburg Barons football coach

After a shaking start to the 2001 football season, the Bitburg Barons are back to winning form and cruised to a 46-6 win Saturday against the Patch Panthers.

For the second consecutive week, the Barons ended the game early on the Department of Defense Dependent Schools 40-point mercy rule.

Playing before the home crowd, Bitburg scored on a 13-yard strike from Travis Carr to slot back Shayne Czyzewski during its first possession. Czyzewski gave the Barons a 7-0 lead following a successful point-after try. Linebacker Braden Blake set up the next score when he blocked a Panthers punt to give Bitburg the ball on the Patch 12-yard line. Carr this time hit slot back Josh Blake for the score on the next play. For the first time this season, Czyzewski had the ensuing PAT blocked. J. Blake later wrapped up the first quarter scoring with a 2-yard plunge. Patch thwarted the Barons 2-point conversion attempt to end the first quarter down 19-0.

In the second quarter, Czyzewski again started the scoring on a 48-yard end around. He followed the score with a successful PAT. Carr later connected with split end Tyler Romano. Another PAT by Czyzewski gave the Barons a 33-0 halftime lead.

Many of the Barons reserve players took the field in the third quarter, while the junior varsity got into the action in the fourth.

Linebacker Mike Black put the only defensive points on the board, intercepting a Panthers pass and running it back 42-yards for the score. With the JV playing

defense, the Panthers finally managed to score in the fourth quarter.

Bitburg's Jeremy Ponce, making his first appearance since a Sept. 8 injury, capped the scoring with a 22-yard end around to stop the game in the fourth on the mercy rule.

For the second straight week, the Barons offense came alive for seven scores. The front five - James Kahle, Matt Holas, Geoffrey Peele, Brandon White and Preston Runquist - provided the running lanes and pass protection to allow the offense to roll.

Defensively, Bitburg's varsity held Patch to 9 rushing yards and 52 yards in the air. Juniors B. Blake, Black, Jeremy Ponce, Gary Puetz and Daniel Sheffield, and freshman Mark Fowler combined for 31 tackles, four fumble recoveries and seven sacks.

The Barons are now 2-2 on the season, 1-1 in Division II conference play.

The team travels Saturday to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium, for a showdown with the Spartans. SHAPE beat the International School of Brussels 9-6 Saturday. Two weeks ago, ISB embarrassed Bitburg 42-0. In the first game of the season, a nonconference match between SHAPE and Bitburg, SHAPE edged the Barons 35-27.

The SHAPE-Bitburg match-up is a must win for both teams since the loser probably won't make post-season play. A Barons win would create a three-way tie for first and a tiebreaker would be used to determine the two teams to continue on.

Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the SHAPE football field.



Anthony Fornicola, 99, looks for a Patch Panther to run over during a 46-6 Baron victory Saturday at Bitburg High School.



Barons' Mark Fowler, gets tackled by a Patch Panther during Saturday match.